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- On page 1, after line 14, insert the following:
- 2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 36.93 RCW to read as follows:
- For a proposal by a city to assume less than all of the area of a water-sewer district under chapter 35.13A RCW:
- 6 (1) In addition to the factors of RCW 36.93.170, the board shall consider the following factors and the effect of the proposal on the following factors:
 - (a) Rates and charges for the city and district systems;
- 10 (b) Operation and maintenance of the city and district systems;
- 11 (c) Staffing levels and employees of the city and district;
- 12 (d) Condition, age, and type of system facilities in the city and 13 district;
- 14 (e) Water supply rights and contracts and sewer service contracts 15 of the city and district; and
- 16 (f) Financing of capital improvements to the city and district 17 systems.
 - (2) In accordance with the first paragraph of RCW 35.13A.050, the board shall identify the relevant facilities and determine as part of its decision the economically useful life, sufficient available capacity, and reasonable rates for the facilities.
 - (3) The board shall determine as part of its decision a division of assets and liabilities between the city and district.
- (4) The board shall hire a consultant or consultants to prepare a report on the factors, identifications, and determinations of subsections (1), (2), and (3) of this section. The consultants shall consider any information or reports prepared by the city and district regarding the proposal. The cost of the consultant's report shall be borne by the city.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." 4

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "districts;" strike the 5 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 6 7 35.13A RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.93 RCW."

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